

THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE APO 74, SAN PRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



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13 December 1962

wester: Documentation of Cuban Contingency

to: Chief
Historical Division
Office of Information
PACAP

Attn: PF00I-H

Reference Msg, AFCHO 1884/62, subj: Documentation of Current Contingency, 24 Nov 1962, and Ltr, PFCOI-H, subj: Cuban Crisis Chronologics, 26 Nov 1962, the following data is submitted for this command:

a. Summary of the Cuben Crisis, Period 1 April = 13 October 1962:

During the early phases of the Soviet-Cuban military episode, the 13th Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence (DCS/I) provided the Commander, his staff, subordinate units, and other concerned agencies with significant items on Cuba when the events were not overshadowed by crucial developments in the normal sphere of 13th "ir Force activity—outheast Asia. The necessity for unusual dissemination by the DCS/I was reduced by the substantial flow of Cuban intelligence available to military personnel in newspapers as soon as it reached this command through military channels.

b. Chronology of the Cuben Crisis, Period 14 October-21 November 1962:
COMMAND AND CONTROL

23 October

DEFCON 3 was established by JCS at 23002. Subordinate units were instructed to assume the readiness posture and report when the status was achieved.

The 13th Air Task Force (P), APO 63, increased manning of its Command Post from the normal 8-hours to a 24-hour alert.

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

23 October

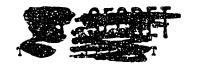
The staff at Hqs, 13th Air Force, and at all subordinate units, met to review actions required under contingency and war plans.

At Hqs, 6214th Air Base Group, APO 140, the Evacuation Plan was revised and dependent evacuation kits prepared for immediate distribution. Support effort for the locally-based Detachment 1, 405th Fighter Wirg, was intensified.

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COMBAT FORCES

23 October

Defensive forces attained DEFCON 3 status at OOOlZ. The number of interceptors on alert was increased from 2 on 5-minute, 2 on 30-minute, and 6 on 1-hour alert, to 4 on 5-minute, 4 on 30-minute, and all others on 1-hour alert. (This status was maintained until DEFCON 4 was declared at O640Z on 28 November 1962.)

Offensive forces attained the new Single Integrated Operating Procedure (SIOP) posture at 0130Z. Flyable alert aircraft were loaded, manned and placed on ground alert (quick-strike) status.

1 November

(Hqs, PACAF relieved this command of maintaining flyable aircraft on ground alert status and routine training was resumed.

28 November



DEFCON 4 was declared in effect at 0640Z.

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

20 October

The world-wide intelligence system declared an increased "Indications Alert Status" for any awareness of Communist movements and developments directly related, but not confined to, the Cuban crisis.

23 October

The DCS/I augmented the night duty staff to provide increased intelligence watch for analysis and reporting purposes. Publication of a special Daily Intelligence Summary (DISUM) began.

Reconnaissance forces in Southeast Asia continued special missions directed by the Commander, 13th Air Force, and COMUSMACV.

14 November

The non-duty augmentation watch schedule of the DCS/I, Hqs 13th Air Force, was normalized.

27 November

The special DISUM published daily at 0400Z was discontinued and all intelligence activities returned to normal.





AIRLIFT

23 October

Close surveillance began of all airlift passing through the 13th Air Porce area so that the Commander would have first-hand knowledge of available airlift in the event the situation deteriorated.

PERSONNEL

23 October

(a) Hqs, PACAF advised of personnel required to bring this command to 100 percent manning status, as prescribed by the 13PDC DEFCON Checklist. (Atch 1.)

26 October

Initial Personnel Status Report (PERSTAT) submitted to Hqs, PACAF. (Atch 2.)

LOGISTICS

Negative.

BUDGET

Negative

MARVIN E. HINTZ

Command Historian

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